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Senator Vickers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate. Do you wish to cease debate? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, I am going to support Senator Kahle's motion that is coming up later to switch to a per pupil and I would remind Senator Dworak and some of the other people in here that I had a bill in here last year that would have done exactly that same thing and it didn't get anywhere. Now I think what we are talking about here is the chicken and the egg, which came first. If we are going to switch to a per pupil basis, we have got to put more dollars in at the same time. Otherwise there is going to be people in here that are going to say what is this going to do to me and they are going to find out they are going to lose. You cannot change the formula without putting in more dollars without somebody losing and somebody gaining. With an X number of dollars and they start messing with the formula, it is that simple. You can't start distributing it differently without somebody coming up a winner and somebody coming up a loser. So I would certainly support changing the formula. I had changed it considerably when I went sixty-forty, but if Senator Kahle wants to go a hundred percent per pupil, that is fine with me, but I would suggest to this body that you had better put in more dollars at the same time. Otherwise somebody is going to lose and somebody is going to gain and I don't think that is the intent of Senator Kahle and it is certainly not my intent. I want to help everybody out. So I would certainly, certainly urge anybody that is going to vote for Senator Kahle's amendment to vote for this one. Otherwise you might find out that you have, as Senator DeCamp said awhile ago, you've outfoxed yourself. So it seems to me that the logical thing to do is vote yes now, and then when Senator Kahle's amendment comes up, vote yes again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion, first of all, is to return for the specific amendment and then hopefully there won't be additional debate on that same motion but the motion now is to return for the specific amendment as proposed